

## OLYMPICS IN BRIEF



### Medals Count

(Through Sunday, Feb. 24)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	12	16	7	35
U.S.	10	13	11	34
Norway	11	7	6	24
Canada	6	3	8	17
Russia	6	6	4	16
Austria	2	4	10	16
Italy	4	4	4	12
France	4	5	2	11
Switzerland	3	2	6	11
Netherlands	3	5	0	8
China	2	2	4	8
Finland	4	2	1	7
Sweden	0	2	4	6
Croatia	3	1	0	4
South Korea	2	2	0	4
Estonia	1	1	1	3
Britain	1	0	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Czech	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Tech levels A&M in Lubbock, 74-53

Texas Tech earned its first 20-win season since 1995-1996 after beating the Texas A&M men's basketball team, 74-53, on Saturday.

The Aggies (9-19, 3-11 Big 12) scored only 14 points in the first half and fell behind early to the Red Raiders (20-6, 9-5). Tech held a 35-14 lead at halftime.

Tech was paced by Will Chavis' 18 points — 12 of which came on 3-pointers. Kasib Powell added 15 points. The Red Raiders had four players score in double figures.

Junior guard Bernard King led the Aggies with 20 points, and junior forward Keith Bean chipped in with 14.

The win by the Red Raiders gave them a series sweep over the Aggies for the first time since the 1996-1997 season and was their fourth-straight win.

Tech won the first meeting between the two teams, 72-70 in College Station on Jan. 9.

# Aggies earn second at Big 12 meet

## Zack leads A&M by sweeping diving events

By Troy Miller  
THE BATTALION

Since the Big 12 conference was formed in 1996, one team has dominated swimming and diving. That team, the University of Texas added to its collection of trophies by winning the men's competition for the seventh-straight time with a score of 1,085.50. The Texas women claimed their fourth-consecutive title with a score of 1,055.50.

"We did what we hoped we would do," said Texas men's head coach Eddie Reese.

In the men's competition, the No. 19 Aggie men captured second place over the University of Missouri, 780.50-624. The No. 23 Aggie women also took home second place over Missouri by a score of 675-522. Iowa State was fourth with 500 points.

A&M senior Meghan Zack led the A&M women's team by becoming the first person to sweep all three diving competitions in the Big 12 Championships.

On Friday night Zack captured the three-meter competition. Saturday night saw Zack come from third place to pull a victory over Texas freshman Nicole Pohorenc.

Zack nailed her final three dives after Pohorenc faltered in the third and fourth rounds to take first.

"I was watching the scoreboard," Zack said. "I saw that I had bumped ahead of [Pohorenc], and then I knew that it was pretty much mine as long as I didn't screw up."

The steadily improving Aggie freshmen led the swimmers, as three new school records were set. Freshman Courtney Patterson set a school record in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 55.35 seconds, good for second place. Patterson was also part of the record breaking 200-yard medley relay team. She was joined by freshmen Kelsey Savage and Danielle Townsend and senior Clara Ho.

Patterson also broke the school record in the 200-yard backstroke during Saturday morning's preliminaries, but was outdone by fellow freshman Christina Thompson. Thompson broke Patterson's mark in the next heat with a time of 1:58.51.

Freshman Tiffany Moore took home the lone swimming gold for the A&M women by winning the 1,650-yard



Sophomore Matt Rose edged UT's Ian Crocker in the 100-meter freestyle at the Big 12 Championships in College Station this weekend. The first place finish was the first of the meet for Rose.

freestyle in a NCAA consideration time of 16:45.77.

A&M coach Steve Bultman earned the coach of the meet award.

"Girls like [Patterson and Moore] with the swims that they had certainly helped," Bultman said about winning the award. "I didn't win the award, they won the award for me."

The Aggie men broke two

school records and took home three individual/gold medals over the weekend.

Sophomore Scott Mueller won the 400-yard individual medley against Texas senior Joey Montague for an A&M school record of 3:51.11.

Senior Riley Janes dethroned three-time defending Big 12 champion Tommy Hannan in the 100-yard backstroke in a

NCAA automatic qualifying time of 47.59 seconds.

Freshman Alfredo Jacobo set a new A&M school record in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 54.73 seconds. He placed second to Texas sophomore Brendan Hansen, a world champion in the event.

In the 100-yard freestyle,

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# A&M comes back on Washington State, 6-4

## No. 20 Ags in lead heading into final day of Classic

By Doug Fuentes  
THE BATTALION

Things were not looking good for the Texas A&M baseball team after the first few innings of its game with the Washington State Cougars on Sunday at Olsen Field.

After losing to the Cougars on Saturday night, A&M found itself in a 4-0 hole after three innings.

The Aggies put themselves in gear however, using a big inning and stellar relief pitching from junior pitcher Todd Deininger to handcuff the Cougars, 6-4, at the Continental Express Baseball Classic.

With the victory, the Aggies (10-2) run their record to 3-1 in the Classic and have the inside track to taking the tournament title.

The Cougars (5-5) are tied with Pepperdine with a 2-2 record in the Classic. Kentucky, who lost to Pepperdine, 18-17, in the early game Sunday, is in last place with a 1-3 record.

"The real highlight for me was Todd Deininger," said A&M head coach Mark Johnson. "I thought he was outstanding. It's the best I've seen him throw since his freshman year. Their pitcher started having trouble throwing strikes, we got some big hits and then Todd shut the door on them."

The Aggies started out slow, as starter Chris French struggled early. After a scoreless first, French (1-0) gave up a pair of two-run home runs to Grant Richardson and Bookie Gates in the second and third innings to take a 4-0 lead.

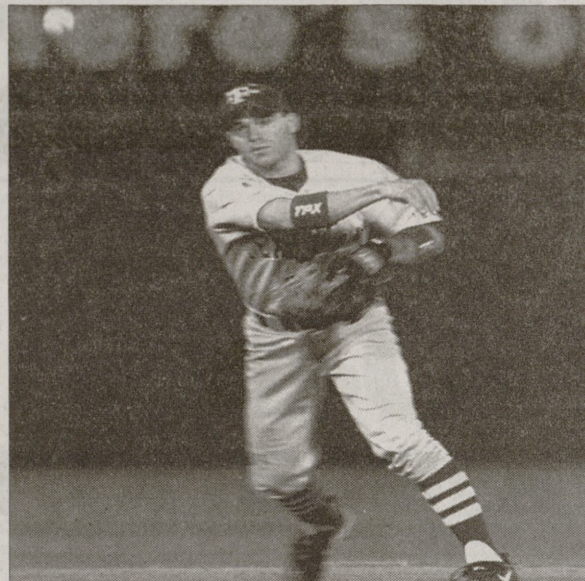
French's counterpart, Cougars starter Josh Bartlome, kept the Aggies in check and the lead in tact until the fourth inning, when the Aggies exploded for four runs to take the lead 5-4.

The Aggies got three straight RBI hits in the inning on singles by sophomore catcher Justin Pouk and junior outfielder Eric Reed and a double by junior designated hitter David Evans.

It was all the Aggies would need as Deininger, whose only appearance on the year had been against Arizona, relieved French to start the sixth inning and shut the door on the Cougars.

After coming into the game in the sixth, Deininger retired the first

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Senior second basemen Ty Garner throws to first base during the Aggies' 6-4 win over Washington State on Sunday.

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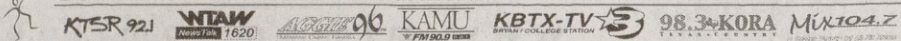
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